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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s): Mike J. Dinkel et al.)	Examiner: J. Corrigan
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Filed: November 13, 2001)	
For: HYDRAULIC MANIFOLD ASSEMBLY FOR VARIABLE ACTIVATION AND DEACTIVATION OF VALVES IN AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE)	

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

On July 19, 2004, the Examiner and the undersigned conducted a telephonic interview regarding the above-referenced patent application. During the interview, claims 1-5 were discussed.

No agreement with respect to the aforementioned claims was reached at that time. In particular, the Examiner indicated that U.S. Patent No. 6,068,370 to Miller et al. reads on claims 1-4. Further, the Examiner indicated that claim 5 would be allowable if it is rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claim 1. The Examiner stated that he could: 1) cancel claims 1-4; and 2) amend claim 5 to include the limitations of claim 1 by an Examiner's

amendment. During the interview, the undersigned indicated to the Examiner that the aforementioned amendments would be considered.

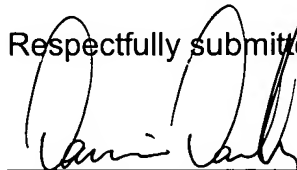
Subsequent to the telephonic interview on July 19, 2004, the undersigned conducted another telephonic interview with the Examiner's on July 28, 2004 agreeing to the above-referenced proposed Examiner's amendment to: 1) cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice or disclaimer; and 2) rewrite claim 5 to include all the limitations of claim 1.

Further, the undersigned also asked the Examiner if he could: 1) change the reference in claim 5 from "a plurality of solenoid valves" to "at least one solenoid valve;" and 2) amend claims 13, 16 and 19 to change their dependency from claim 1 to claim 5 in the Examiner's amendment. The Examiner could not agree to make the additional amendments during the interview, but said he would take the additional amendments under consideration.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due at this time, however, if any fees have been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 10-0223 to cover any such fees.

Dated: 8/10/04

Respectfully submitted,



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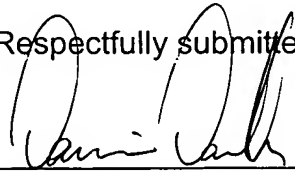
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